GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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STANDARD OF SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have allocated funds for conducting Rural Sports Meets for State level to national level in the country to improve sports and games in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether her Ministry have formulated any scheme to improve the standard of sports in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether any funds have been allocated for the sponsored programmes to support national level/State level players in the country and the funds allocated for each programme during the last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a) & (b) : Funds are provided to the Sports Authority of India (SAI) for implementing the scheme of Rural Sports Programme. While SAI itself organizes the National level sports tournaments in various States by rotation, the State / UT level sports tournaments are organized by the State / UT Governments, for which, financial assistance @ Rs.30,000/- per disciplinefor organization of State level tournaments and @ Rs. 15,000/- per discipline for organization of UT level tournaments are provided to State and UT Governments respectively. For organization of National level tournaments, a financial assistance of Rs. 2 lakhs per discipline is made available to the Sports Authority of India. This includes boarding and lodging charges @ Rs. 60 per day per person, charges for sports equipment, ground preparation, technical official fee.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. Government of India implements the following schemes to improve the standard of sports in the country ;

1. Promotion of Sports and Games in Schools

2. Rural Sports Programme

3. Sports Scholarship Scheme

4. National Championships for Women

5. National Welfare Fund for Sportspersons
6. Sports Fund for Pension to Meritorious Sportspersons

7 Special Awards to Winners in International Sports Events and Their Coaches

8. Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award

9. Arjun Award
10. Dronacharya Award
11. Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure
12. Grants for Promotion of Sports in Universities and Colleges
13. Grants for installation of Synthetic Playing Surfaces.

(e) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports do not allocate any fund for sponsored programmes to support national/ State level players.